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TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, BU (POPOV, IVAN)

SUBJECT: POPOV TRIP

REF: (A) SOFIA 154 AND PREVIOUS; (B) STATE 6881

1. CIRCULAR 175 CLEARANCE BEING SOUGHT FOR EARLY NEGOTIATION CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT WITH BULGARIA (ALSO HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA). UNABLE PREDICT WHEN NEGOTIATIONS CAN BEGIN.

2. CIRCULAR 175 CLEARANCE ALREADY OBTAINED FOR FISHERIES AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. IMPOSSIBLE COMMENT ON OTHER AGREEMENTS MENTIONED IN ABSENCE MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT BULGARIANS HAVE IN MIND.

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3. IN VIEW UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING EXCHANGES AGREEMENT AND OTHER AGREEMENTS MENTIONED BY GOB, AND IF GOB LAYING STRESS ON EARLY POPOV VISIT, YOU MAY HOWEVER WISH ENQUIRE WHETHER GOB WOULD BE SATISFIED TO HAVE SIGNED DURING POPOV VISIT ONLY THE CONSULAR AGREEMENT, A FISHERIES AGREEMENT AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGREEMENT (NON-GOVERNMENTAL).

4. DEPT. HAS NOT OFFERED EXTEND NEW INVITATION TO POPOV

NOR URGED THAT POPOV MAKE EARLY TRIP TO US. DEPT. GENERAL VIEW RE POPOV TRIP REMAINS AS PER REF. B.

5. NEW COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR TOROMANOV PAID COURTESY CALL IN EE FEB. 11. HE REPORTED BULGARIAN CHARGE VELCHEV AND HE HAD FEB 8 EXTENDED ORAL NEDEV INVITATION AT COMMERCE FOR SECRETARY DENT VISIT TO BULGARIA, DATE UNSPECIFIED (SEPTEL). HE SAID KAISER REPRESENTATIVE RUVKIN ON RETURN FROM BULGARIA TOLD HIS EMBASSY POPOV MAY BE CONSIDERING COMING TO US IN MARCH FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CEREMONY; TOROMANOV SAID HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT POPOV WOULD NOT COME BEFORE DENT VISITED BULGARIA. TOROMANOV ASKED STATUS OF DEPTS CONSIDERATION OF BULGARIAN DRAFT COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT PRESENTED WASHINGTON LAST YEAR.

6. HOUSTON REPLIED THAT DEPT UNABLE COMMENT ON DRAFT DUE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON TRADE REFORM BILL. HE ASKED TOROMANOV IF POPOV WOULD WANT TO COME TO US WHILE LEGISLATIVE SITUATION UNCLEAR, NOTING RECENT REPORTS FROM US EMB. SOFIA IMPLYING GOB THINKING OF JUNE DATE FOR POPOV VISIT. HE POINTED OUT THAT OF VARIOUS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS MENTIONED IN SOFIA TALKS, ONLY CONSULAR AND FISHERIES AGREEMENTS SEEM LIKELY BE READY FOR SIGNATURE IF POPOV COMES SOON.

7. TOROMANOV SAID HE NOT INFORMED OF LATEST SOFIA THINKING RE POPOV VISIT, ALTHOUGH WHEN HE LEFT SOFIA MONTH AGO CONSENSUS WAS THAT POPOV WOULD TRAVEL ONLY  
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WHEN SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF US-BULGARIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS POSSIBLE.

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